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Dated 8th November 1949.

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G.O.Ms.No.4480, Dated 8th November 1949
Read the following:-

From the Controller of Emigration, Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, No.F.25-5/49 SIN(E), dated the 31st October, 1949.

Continuation this Ministry letter of even number dated the 28th September, 1949, regarding the introduction of passport system for purposes of entry into Ceylon. The Government of India have decided that, in the initial, stages, the checking of passports should be done by the Protectors of Emigrants at Dhanushkodi and Tuticorin. "Identity Certificates", valid only for one return journey to Ceylon, are being issued by the Office of the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon with effect from the 16th August, 1949, from which date the issue of E and A credentials and Unskilled Workers' certificates has been discontinued. These certificates, machine-numbered serially, contain photograph of the holder and his signature in addition to the personal particulars. Afterwards, Indo-Ceylon passes, valid for four years or fo a shorter period at the discretion of the x issuing authority will be issued by the office of the Indian High Commissioner and other Passport Issuing Authorities in India. Specimens of Identity Certificate and the Indo-Ceylon Pass are enclosed for your information. A copy of a note explaining the Ceylon Immigration and Emigration Regulations is also enclosed.

2. Following further instructions to be observed in addition to those enjoined in this Ministry above letter dated the 28th September 1949, are for compliance with effect from the 1st November, 1949, the new date from which the provisions of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act of Ceylon will come into force.

(i) Identification Certificates, brought by Indian Estate Labourers should continue to be checked as hitherto and arrival endorsement should be rubber-stamped therein.

(ii) All persons coming from Ceylon should be checked during disembarkation, for possession of either a valid identity certificate or a valid India-Ceylon Pass or Passport.

(iii) The identity of the holder should be checked with the photograph and the personal particulars given in the certificate or pass.

(iv) Instructions regarding the entry of undesirable persons into India, should be strictly followed as and when any information about their entry is received.

(v) Whenever a person arrives without either a valid Identity Certificate or a valid Indo-Ceylon pass or a passport, or whenever the bonafides of a person or the credential in his possession are in doubt, the matter should be reported promptly to the Police authorities at the Jetty for necessary action. A record of such cases should be

maintained.

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A monthly report on the practical working of the system and furnishing inter alia the following information should be submitted so as to reach this Ministry not later than the 5th of the month succeeding that to which the report relates.

a) Name of steamer
b) Date of arrival
c) No. of persons disembarked
d) No. of persons without Identity certificates or Indo-Ceylon Passes or passports
e) No. of suspected fabricated credentials noticed
f) No. of impersonations, if any noticed
g) No. of cases referred to the Police authorities.

Sd/ xx xx
For Controller of General of Emigration.

No.F.25-5/49 SIM (E)

Copy with enclosure and copy of this Ministry letter No.F.25-5 49 SIM(E), dated the 28th September, 1949, forwarded for information to:

(iii) The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Home Department, Madras etc.

Copy of Express letter No.F.25-5-/49-SIM(E), dated the 28th September, 1949, from the Controller General of Emigratic Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, addressed to the Protector of Emigrants, Mandapam Camp, Tuticorin.

In view of the impending adoption of passport system for purposes of entry into Ceylon, the following procedure may please be followed. Ordinary passengers, not within the purview of the Indiam Emigration Act, 1922 may be issued 'No objection' xcertificates before the rest. The others should be carefully examined for ascertaining whether Chapter IV of the Act is applicable and, if so, provisional permits may be issued to that effect, before they contact the passport-issuing officer of the Government of Ceylon. Registration of the skilled workers and issue of certificates on Form 14 will be done on production of valid passports.

It would be necessary to exercise great tact in handling the situation, least unpleasantness should result in serious reaction regarding issue of passports. Kindly enlist the cooperation of the Cylon Govt. officials concerned and evolve an agreed working arrangement with a view to alleviating the difficulties of passengers. The view of our High Commissioner in Ceylon should also be obtained in the matter and his intervention generally sought in hard cases. Please submit a comprehensive report on the situation not later than the 10th October, 1949, routing a copy through the Controller.

Order:.

Communicated to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras for information.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

S. A. Iyengar,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Police, Mylapore, Madras
To the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D
Copy to the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

p.t.o

No.F.25.5/49-SIM (E)
Government of India.
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi, the 4th November, 1949.

Express Letter

From

Foreign, New Delhi

To

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Continuation this Ministry endorsement of even/dated number the 31st October, 1949, on instructions to Protectors of Emigrants concerning checking of passengers to and from Ceylon. As Protectors are not at present empowered to arrest illegal entrants on arrival in India, assistance of local police is rendered inevitable regarding checking passports. Request, therefore, that a Police Officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector may kindly be deputed for regular wharf duty at Dhanushkodi and Tuticorin at the time of embarkation.

Sd/ ** General.
for Controller of Emigration.

No.F.25-5/49-SIM(E)

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Protector of Emigrants, Mandapam Camp, Tuticorin
2. The Controller of Emigration, Madras
3. The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, Colombo
4. The Ministry of Home Affairs.

Government of Madras
Home Department

Endorsement No.113373-H-1 dated 14th November 1949.

Communicated to the Inspector-General of Police, Madras for necessary action in continuation of G.O.Ms. No.4480 Home, dated 8th November 1949.

Sd/ ** **
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To the Inspector-General of Police, Mylapore, Madras
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To the Commissioner of Police, Madras.

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Superintendent,
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